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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROME, POSSIBLE AGENDA

REF: A. STATE 221658; B. STATE 214585

1. WHATEVER STATUS ON NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 OF PRESENT ITALIAN GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS, OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH SECRETARY DURING HIS BRIEF STAY IN ROME FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WILL BE IMPORTANT TO GOI OFFICIALS. QUIRINALE HAS INDICATED PRESIDENT LEONE WILL WISH TO SEE SECRETARY. IF NEW PRIME MINISTER AND/OR FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE BEEN INSTALLED VISIT WILL HAVE EVEN GREATER IMPORT. WHILE STATUS OF GOVERNMENT WILL AFFECT LEVEL OF FORMALITY WITH WHICH SECRETARY IS RECEIVED, FOREIGN OFFICE REITERATES THAT SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS WILL BE UNAFFECTED.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT SUBJECT MATTER OF TALKS FOLLOW LINES OF LEONE VISIT, SUITABLY UPDATED AND MODIFIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW DEVELOPMENTS. AS VISIT DRAWS NEARER WE WILL BE MAKING MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE ARRIVING FROM EVOLVING ITALIAN THINKING AND INTERESTS.

3. FOLLOWING IS VERY TENTATIVE OPTIMUM AGENDA FOR SECRETARY IN ROME, DERIVING IN LARGE PART FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH FARNESINA OFFICERS OF CONTENTS REF. A. TENUOUS NATURE OF THIS OUTLINE IS DICTATED BY CONSTRAINTS DISCUSSED IN
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PARA. 5. BELOW.

4. NOVEMBER 4:

1800 ARRIVAL AIRPORT

1900 TO 1930 BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

2100 POSSIBLE DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER

NOVEMBER 5:

0900 CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARY BUTZ

1000 POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEONE

1050 ARRIVAL WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

PRIOR 1230 SECRETARY'S SPEECH

1400 LUNCH, HOSTED BY GOI, PERHAPS PRIME MINISTER,
IN LIEU OF RPT IN LIEU OF 2100 DINNER EVENING
NOVEMBER 4.

1600 TO 1700 RESERVED, EITHER FOR POSSIBLE DELAY IN DELIVERY
OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH UNTIL AFTER LUNCH (SEE
FOLLOWING PARA) OR FOR FINAL CONVERSATIONS WITH
ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

1745 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1830 DEPARTURE FOR USM

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPLE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAKE FOREGOING
OUTLINE TENTATIVE:

A) HOPEFUL SUPPOSITION THAT ARRIVAL TIME IN ROME OF
QTE LATE AFTERNOON UNQTE (PARA. 1, REF. A.L MEANS APPROXIMATELY
1800 HOURS. HOWEVER, IF ACTUAL ARRIVAL PROVES LATER, FOREIGN
MINISTER MORO WOULD LIKELY BE PLEASED RECEIVE SECRETARY AS
LATE AS 2100 HOURS OR EVEN LATER.

B) THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT CURRENT GOI GOVERNMENTAL
CRISIS WILL HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERN-
MENT. THIS IN TURN MAY WELL AFFECT CURRENT TRAVEL PLANS OF
PRESIDENT LEONE AND FOREIGN MINISTER WHO SCHEDULED DEPART FOR
CAIRO AND IRAN ON NOVEMBER 5. HOWEVER, LEONE SCHEDULED OPEN
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AT 1100 THAT DAY (SEE BELOW) WHICH
INDICATES AN AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.
IF NEW GOVERNMENT NOT INSTALLED, GOI HOSPITALITY (NOVEMBER 4
DINNER OR NOVEMBER 5 LUNCH), WILL DELIBERATELY BE KEPT IN
INFORMAL LOW KEY; IF NEW GOVERNMENT IN PLACE, EVENT WILL BE
MORE FORMAL.

C) ACCORDING TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT,
FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE NOW FORESEEN FOR OPENING OF CONFERENCE
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NOVEMBER 5.

- 1100 OPENING BY PRESIDENT LEONE, FOLLOWED BY
SPEECH BY SYG WALDHEIM, SHORT BREAK,
ELECTION OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, SPEECH BY
CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL MAREI.
- 1230 PLUS - IF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE IN ATTENDANCE AND
WISHES SPEAK, AS SECRETARIAT BELIEVES MAY
BE CASE, CONFERENCE WOULD BREAK FOR LUNCH,

RECOVERING AT ABOUT 1530 FOR FIRST OF QTE
CEREMONIAL SPEECHES UNQTE, LED BY BOUMEDIENNE
AND FOLLOWED BY SECRETARY. ALTHOUGH SECRE-
TARIAT URGES CEREMONIAL SPEECHES BE CONFINED
TO MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES, THERE IS NO PRE-
DICTING WHETHER BOUMEDIENNE WOULD COMPLY.
ALTERNATIVELY, 1230 PLUS-IF BOUMEDIENNE NOT SCHEDULED
SPEAK, SECRETARY WOULD MAKE THE FIRST OF
CEREMONIAL SPEECHES BEFORE LUNCH, LEAVING
PERIOD FROM ROUGHLY 1600 TO 1745 AVAILABLE
FOR CONSULTATIONS.

D) FARNESINA INTIMATES THAT GOI PREFERENCE FOR HOSTING
THE SECRETARY IS THE NOVEMBER 5 LUNCH RATHER THAN DINNER PRE-
CEDING EVENING. FODAG ASSURES US THAT FOOD CONFERENCE PLANS
MAKE NO RPT NO DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S TIME OTHER THAN SPEECH,
LEAVING WAY OPEN FOR A GOI LUNCH. SUCH LUNCH WOULD PERMIT
MORE EXTENSIVE TALKS PRECEDING EVENING (WITHOUT NECESSITY
OF ATTENDING GOI DINNER) AND WOULD FACILITATE POSSIBLE DE-
PARTURE OF PRESENTIAL PARTY FOR CAIRO.

6. CRUX OF FURTHER PLANNING AT THIS POINT IS TIME OF SECRETARY'S
ARRIVAL; WHEN WE HAVE THIS ALL ELSE WILL BEGIN TO FALL IN PLACE.
THEREFORE; ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY BE INFORMED

- A) AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE MOMENT OF ETA NOVEMBER 4,
AND
- B) WHAT CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO FOREGOING POSSIBLE SCHEDULE
MIGHT BE DESIRED. BEAUDRY

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